

# 'Right to Work Bloc' Swings Presidential Race

## *Bush-Cheney Won All 211 Right to Work State Electoral Votes*

Citizens in Right to Work states provided the Bush-Cheney '04 ticket with nearly three-quarters of the 286 Electoral College votes they are expected to get December 13 when the 538 U.S. electors formally declare who will be inaugurated as U.S. President and Vice President in January.

On November 2, GOP President George W. Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney carried all 22 Right to Work states -- the vast majority of them by a comfortable margin.

These states alone supplied the Bush-Cheney ticket with 211 Electoral Votes, or 78% of the 270 needed to win a presidential race.

Meanwhile, U.S. Sens. John Kerry (Mass.) and John Edwards (N.C.), the Big Labor-backed Democratic nominees for President and Vice President, narrowly prevailed in forced-unionism Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and New Hampshire.

Union bosses' massive and well-publicized get-out-the-vote efforts, which were overwhelmingly funded by forced union dues and "fees" exacted from workers under federal and state laws, clearly made the difference in these five states.

This year, Big Labor attempted to pull off similar victories in the closely contested Right to Work states of Florida, Iowa and Nevada by "importing" thousands of forced-dues funded union political organizers into all three states.

Unfortunately for the union bosses, employees in Right to Work states, union as well as nonunion, appear to be increasingly resistant to Big Labor political propaganda campaigns, even multi-million-dollar campaigns that go on for months and months.

### **Vast Majority of Citizens In All States Support Right to Work Laws**

Of course, poll after poll has shown that the vast majority of all Americans in all 50 states support the Right to Work principle that no one should be fired for refusal to join or pay dues or "fees" to an unwanted union.

According to a nationwide survey conducted this year by the respected Maryland-based polling firm Research 2000, 79% of Americans who regularly

## **Whence Bush-Cheney's Electoral Vote Win?**

### **Right to Work States**

Ala.	-	9	Nev.	-	5
Ariz.	-	10	N.C.	-	15
Ark.	-	6	N.D.	-	3
Fla.	-	27	Okla.	-	7
Ga.	-	15	S.C.	-	8
Idaho	-	4	S.D.	-	3
Iowa	-	7	Tenn.	-	11
Kan.	-	6	Texas	-	34
La.	-	9	Utah	-	5
Miss.	-	6	Va.	-	13
Neb.	-	5	Wyo.	-	3

Total Right to Work: 211

### **Forced-Unionism States**

Alaska	-	3	Mo.	-	11
Colo.	-	9	Mont.	-	3
Ind.	-	11	N.M.	-	5
Ky.	-	8	Ohio	-	20
			W.Va.	-	5

Total Forced Unionism: 75

**Total Bush-Cheney '04 Electoral Votes: 286**

**Total Electoral Votes Needed to Win: 270**

**In part because challengers John Kerry and John Edwards were widely (and accurately) perceived as beholden**

**to union bosses, Right to Work states voted as a bloc for the Bush-Cheney ticket.**

vote in federal elections oppose forced unionism.

However, citizens who are already protected by a state Right to Work law and have personal experience of such laws' impact are much more likely to consider compulsory unionism a key issue.

Over the past four years, the Bush Administration took several steps designed to appeal to Right to Work proponents.

For example, Mr. Bush issued executive orders cracking down on the use of federal tax funds for union-only "project labor agreements" on public works and notifying millions of workers of their legal right to refuse to bankroll Big Labor politics with their forced union dues.

More recently, Bush appointees to the National Labor Relations Board have moved tentatively to curtail abuses associated with "card check" forced unionism.

Because of such actions, the Bush-Cheney ticket could easily be distinguished from the virulently pro-forced unionism Kerry-Edwards team on labor policy, even though the President and Vice President remained publicly mum about the Right to Work itself.

But there is no guarantee that Right to Work states will continue in the future to vote as a bloc, and thus make it very difficult for Big Labor-backed presidential candidates to get elected.

### **Right to Work President Urges Mr. Bush to Call For Right to Work Votes**

National Right to Work Committee President Mark Mix urged Committee members around the country to call the White House comment line at 202-456-6213 and urge the Bush Administration to be ever more direct in confronting compulsory unionism during its second term.

"If Committee members can convince this Administration to push, through words and deeds, for a national Right to Work law over the next years, that will have a very positive impact on our country's political climate," said Mr. Mix.

"Just having the President use his bully pulpit to press for a national Right to Work law, even if he doesn't succeed in the near term, will significantly change presidential campaign dynamics and make it very difficult for Big Labor to recapture the White House in 2008 or 2012." 